GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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PROPOSALS FROM KERALA TO PROMOTE TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether private organisations, agencies, trusts or NGOs from Kerala havesubmitted several proposals to the Union Government relating to tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and

(c) the action taken and amounts sanctioned and utilized, project-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) to (c): Department of Tourism, Government of India has been receiving proposals from different private organisations/NGOs for development of tourism in the States including Kerala.

According to the guidelines there is no scheme in the Department of Tourism under which funds for tourism projects can be sanctioned to such agencies.

During the last three years, 40 projects at a cost of Rs.2170.00 lakhs have beensanctioned to the Department of Tourism, Government of Kerala.

Department of Tourism, Government of India has decided that during the 10th Five Year Plan it will identify six travel circuits in the country on an annual basis and develop them. These circuits will be finalised and developed in close coordination and partnership with the State/UT Governments and the concerned Government of India Departments.In addition to this it is proposed to identify one major destination in each State/Union Territory for overall development each year including the State of Kerala.

In pursuance of the proposals received from the State Tourism Department of Kerala,during the current financial year 2002-2003, a Southern Travel Circuit − (Backwater and Beach Circuit) − Cochin-Kumarakom (Backwaters) − Kottayam-Quilon-Trivandrum (Kovalam) for the development of tourism in Kerala has been considered. Bekal has also been included in the Western Circuit (Konkan Riviera circuit).